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1. The Erfurt Telefunken plant was taken over by the Russians after they occupied Thüringen. It was transformed into a Sowjetische A.G., but at the beginning of March 1947 was handed over to Land Thüringen and is now known as Staatliche Isolatoren A.G. The address is Erfurt, Rudolfstr. 47.
2. The manager of this plant is Herr Grove, an SED man and Trade Union functionary. The technical director is Ing. Thomas Ritter.
3. Only the buildings and the grounds have been handed back to Thuringian State ownership. The machines, supplies, and employees still come under orders of the SMA Weimar, Abteilung Industrie.
4. The work at present being carried out in the factory is on order of the Soviet Air Force; and, from statements made by the Soviet control officer, it is feared that the works will be dismantled when the Soviet Air Force contracts have been completed.
5. The present contract has the value of between 5 and 6 million Reichmarks.
6. Capt Mishenko of the SMA Karlshorst is in charge of supervising the fulfilment of the contract.
7. The machinery is in excellent condition and every possible machine tool is available. The laboratories and testing equipment are complete with modern electrical measuring devices and precision instruments.
8. At present, the factory is producing high-grade measuring devices such as:

Tube voltmeters  
 Vibration factor measuring bridges (Klirrfaktormessbrücken)  
 Capacity measuring bridges  
 Dielectric constants  
 Phase angle measuring devices  
 Frequency meters  
 Beat number (Schwebungsnummer) for three to 300 Hz. (sic)  
 and twenty to 20,000 Hz.  
 Amplifiers (Messverstärker) with 0.5 to 5 watt output  
 Special instruments with up to decimeter range, including transmitters  
 and receivers for two-way tank communication and weather service  
 equipment.

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9. Sufficient specialists are available for the development of such apparatus, the best of them being Dipl. Ing. Kurt Schmied, formerly of Telefunken.
10. The complete laboratory equipment for the Oberspreewerk was made here. On pressure from the Soviets, this equipment was completed about the beginning of March and its delivery to Oberschöneweide was notified. On 26 March 1947, [redacted] the order for this equipment was cancelled as the instruments were no longer required. No reason was given. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
11. Herr Thom is of the opinion that Oberspreewerk is to be dissolved, as the Isolator works in Erfurt and the Radio-Höhren Werk in Neuhaus, am Rennsteig, have been offered orders to make instruments and machines for the production of tubes. 50X1-HUM
12. The Isolator works are run on Soviet lines. The work is carried out according to fixed norms. The clerks and workmen receive their provisions and extras from special shops like Konsum shops. The fulfilling of the norm fixes the amount of the rations delivered to the individual workers. Tobacco, alcohol, vegetables, and meat are only delivered through the Trade Union, so that membership is compulsory in effect.
13. The political and technical control of the works is exercised from Weimar. Lt Sostichenko, whose civilian occupation is ballet master in Moscow, visits the works at unspecified intervals to see how things are going. He is a member of the MVD in Weimar.
14. Sostichenko has stated that the planned production for 1947 will be carried out, but that in 1948 the specialists in the works must reckon with their departure for Moscow. The contracts for Thom and Schmied are already in preparation by the SMA in Weimar.
15. The following works are connected with the Isolator works in Erfurt:
- Neuhaus am Rennsteig (radio tube factory)  
 Arnstadt (special instruments), formerly Siemens und Halske  
 Koellada, Neutro (individual parts). This is a new firm. 50X1-HUM
16. Special instruments for Radiosonden and meteorological trains are delivered to Erfurt from works in Ilmenau. Deliveries are also made from works in Weida, Ruhla, and Eisenach. [redacted] comment: This probably to the FMS, "FahrBare Meteorologische Stationen", the designation used for mobile launching sites for rockets.)
17. In Arnstadt, instruments for centimeter and even millimeter waves are made by mass production. Development work is also carried out there. Dr. Szuba is responsible for the development side.
18. In Arnstadt, television instruments are also made. These are based on plans which had been produced by Siemens and the Fernseh A. G. Dipl. Ing. Siekmann is responsible for this work. In all the works mentioned, the technical equipment is in excellent order and up-to-date.
19. The new Soviet planning commissar, whose office is in Dresden, has stated his belief that it is wrong of the Russians to dismantle German factories. The mistake originally arose because the Soviet Army was given the task of supervising industry. Now the engineers have been given the practically impossible task of re-building German industry to produce reparations. Without the help of the Western Powers, he considers that his task is impossible to fulfill, as no help can be expected from the USSR where they have enough to do trying to re-build their own industry.

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